

June 11 1835

East Hallowfield

Chester Co. Pa

Friends Garrison & Knapp

I find at some distance believing that I was one of your Agents forwarded to me this morning the sum of two dollars desiring that I would forthwith write for the Liberator to be sent to him. Not being a regularly appointed agent, but feeling deeply interested in the great cause in which you are so courageously struggling I determined to write requesting that you would send on the paper immediately carefully wrapped and directed to Richard D. Thatcher, Fennett Square
P. O. Chester County Pa

The money shall be forwarded as soon as possible by my Uncle Joseph Fulton, who is your agent in this County

Another reason which prompted me to trouble you with a letter was to give you a compendious sketch of late important

I was told a few days ago by Benjamin Jyle that his paper comes very irregularly to Kennett square D.C., some numbers have not come at all it ~~is~~ ^{is} very desirable that they should come regularly in our section of country, which I trust will be relished by the friends of Anti-Slavery generally.

The first impulse given to the cause of abolition in our county, was by the organization of the Clarkson Society three or four years ago; which may be considered the pioneer in this great subject, in this section of the state. Its numbers at first were very few in number, but have now become very numerous; and their exertions have done much in creating a powerful interest on the subject, in the minds of our citizens which can only be lessened by the accomplishment of its object. The effect of this rapidly increasing interest has been manifested by the formation of three or four Anti-Slavery Societies within the last month in our county, one of which was organized in East Fallowfield town, with upwards of thirty members. All of them are to be auxiliary to the State Society yet to be formed.

To give an idea of the degree of interest manifested, it will only be necessary to state, that we have already been threatened with mobs, and a liberal quantity of tar and feathers.

I have just read thy letters to Sprague and Otis with great pleasure

of Boston who is pioneering through our state in
the great cause of emancipation.

Besides those organizations for the especial
purpose of disseminating Anti-Slavery principles
the Society of Friends in our country as a
religious body, have taken up the subject,

The first movement made by them as a
body, was by a late Quarterly Meeting, some
time since, where a large committee was appoi-
nted to report on the subject. This proceeding
of Calves, was shortly followed by the Western
Quarterly Meeting, which also appointed a committee of
thirty five members, to report at length
on the subject at a future meeting.

This movement of the Society of Friends in our
country cannot but be regarded with much
interest by the friends of the slave; and ought
to serve as an example to other bodies of friends.

The Western Quarterly Meeting (sometimes called Grove
Quarter, from being held in Loudon Grove Township,
is probably the largest one in this country,
unless there is larger in some of our cities.

Knowing that you have maintainers of opposition
to encounter, I have pinned these few items of news
for your encouragement, and though personally
unacquainted, please except for your welfare &
the most sincere wishes of one, who is not a stranger
to your exertions in the cause of "letting the oppressed
be free".

James Patton Jr
Wm Garrison & Knapp
If you think any
part of this letter worth publishing
please withhold my name

I had the pleasure of seeing you

e W. Williams
Sept 11th

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